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Remarks

Pursuant to a teleconference with the Examiner, applicant has amended the claims to more clearly differentiate the invention from prior art and more clearly define the patentable subject matter. Applicant has amended claim 1 to use the more appropriate term thumb in place of finger which was used in prior amended claim 1 and which is commonly used to define any of the digits of a hand.

IN THE DRAWINGS

Should the Examiner find that drawing amendments are needed, applicant can supply such with new formal drawings.

REMARKS

The claims have been amended to better define the patentable subject matter of the invention. None of the prior art shows the combination of an angled engagement of elongated first and second struts forming a rotating jaw member and a flat surface on the second strut of the jaw member which provides the user with a thumb engageable surface to rotate the jaw while concurrently holding the handle with fingers of the same hand. All prior art either features a curved exterior surface to the second strut of the rotating jaw member or feature locate the exterior surface of the second strut of the jaw member too far from the handle to be engaged by the user holding the handle with his fingers.

As such, the claims should be patentable.

Should the Examiner have any further questions or concerns the Examiner wishes to address by telephone or otherwise, or should the Examiner have suggestions to more clearly define the subject matter of the claims in order to more clearly define the patentable subject matter, the Applicant's attorney would be most receptive to such.

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